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In re application of: Galen Wells

Serial No. 09/140,831

Examiner: Frank B. Vanaman

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Group Art Unit: 3611

For: QUICK RELEASE SKI POLE AND STRAP SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This communication is in response to the Office Action, paper number 16, dated April 5, 2001. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and the accompanying remarks.

In the Claims

~~8. (Thrice Amended) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:~~

~~a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;~~

~~a pin attached to the hand of a skier;~~

~~an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and locking the pin to the ski pole grip;~~

~~an ejection mechanism;~~